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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHAUFLE, WILLIAM E., JR.)

SUBJ: SCHAUFLE VISIT

REF: STATE 64181

1. WE WELCOME BILL SCHAUFLE'S VISIT AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM. ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT PLAN TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS, IT IS QUITE LIKELY PRESENCE WILL BECOME KNOWN AT ONE OF THE THREE CAPITALS. AS WE KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE (E.G. BILL EAGLETON'S TRIP), THIS IS THEN LIKELY TO LEAD TO ALL KINDS OF WILD SPECULATIVE STORIES ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP.

2. SHOULD AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE'S TRIP TO THE THREE CAPITALS BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE HERE, WE PROPOSE TO REPLY TO ANY POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES. HE IS VISITING ATHENS AND OTHER FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS IN THE AREA TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH HIS NEW DUTIES. DURING HIS STOPOVER IN ATHENS, MR. SCHAUFLE WILL MEET WITH AMBASSADOR KKBISCH AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNAL FOREIGN SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS RELATING TO HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.

3. IN ORDER TO GIVE CREDENCE TO THIS LINE AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE
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MAY WISH TO CONSIDER MAKING ADDITIONAL STOPS TO VISIT OTHER

FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS EN ROUTE TO AND FROM SOUTHERN EUROPE,
IF THIS IS FEASIBLE AND CONVENIENT. OTHERWISE, THE PRESS,
HERE AT LEAST, AND WE SUSPECT, IN NICOSIA ALSO, WILL TRY TO
LINK HIS VISIT TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
HIS USUN BACKGROUND, WHICH IS ALSO LIKELY TO BECOME KNOWN.
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